

# THE WONDERS OF TANZANIA

A Tanzania Safari is something special so don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! You'll find this is a region of incredible natural beauty with some of the best game-viewing in the world. Nearly twenty percent of this vast and spectacular country is protected and you'll find the Great Rift Valley with its dramatic volcanic landscape home to some of the most fertile grazing grounds on earth. The Ngorongoro Crater is not only home to amazing wildlife, but the Maasai people live and farm here as they have for centuries. The very name Serengeti is guaranteed to bring a glint to your eye! It's up there in that wish list of legendary destinations you've always dreamt of and the Serengeti is all it's cracked up to be - you won't be disappointed! With an ecosystem that supports some of the most plentiful animal populations left in the world, the wildlife will seem bigger, stockier, stronger and sturdier than anyplace else. Your visit to this area of sheer natural beauty will give you a true sense of how privileged you are to be able to experience the wonder of it all.

"To go on safari" with TRIPS in Tanzania is, and always will be a fascinating and exclusive experience!

## Day 1

After breakfast and a last look at the Mara, you'll fly to Wilson Airport in Nairobi and fly on to Mount Kilimanjaro Airport in Tanzania. If conditions permit, you may get a glimpse of majestic Mt. Kilimanjaro. Here you will meet your Tanzania safari team and transfer via safari vehicle to the Lake Manyara Serena Hotel in the beautiful countryside of Tanzania. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure at your safari lodge. This area is famous for its tree-climbing lions, flamingos and breathtaking scenery.

Overnight: Lake Manyara Serena Hotel or similar (B/D)

## Day 2

You continue by road today to the Ngorongoro Crater and your home for the next two nights, the Ngorongoro Serena Hotel situated on the rim of the crater with spectacular views. The Ngorongoro Crater and surrounding highlands are one of Africa's most beautiful regions and this is the world's largest intact volcanic caldera measuring 100 square miles. Home to the highest density of big game in Africa you have an opportunity to spot the "big five" here! From the black rhino to some of the largest tusker elephants left in Africa, be on the lookout!

Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Hotel or similar (B/L/D)

## Day 3

Today you descend to the crater floor for a day of touring! The vast numbers of animals stay within the floor of the crater all year and during your day you'll spot zebras, lion, wildebeest and hyena. The crater is also home to cheetah and leopard, so be sure and have those binoculars ready! You'll enjoy a picnic lunch during the day before returning to the rim later this afternoon with time to relax by the fire before dinner.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Hotel or similar (B/L/D)

## Day 4

You leave the crater area this morning bound for the world famous Serengeti home to the largest concentration of game in all of Africa. You have a full morning of travel ahead, but the journey has many rewards. First, you stop at Olduvai Gorge, the site made famous by Richard Leaky's discovery of early humans. Then, continue into the Serengeti, with a stop at the park sign for photographs. This drive is always an excellent opportunity to spot game, so keep your eyes peeled for cheetahs or lions resting on the rocks during the day. Arrive into camp for a late lunch before freshening up at the Mbuli Mawe Tented Camp set in the heart of one of the world's most famous parks - The Serengeti! Enjoy a luxurious tented 'cabin' complete with it's own en-suite bathroom with robe and slippers. This afternoon your safari team will take you into the Serengeti for your first game drive in this massive park filled with both predators and prey.

Overnight: Mbuli Mawe Tented Camp or similar (B/L/D)

## Day 5

Serengeti has come to symbolize paradise to many and you will no doubt agree after experiencing two amazing game drives today. The Maasai who have grazed their cattle on the vast grassy plains called this Siringitu - "the place where the land moves on forever." As you travel over a portion of this huge expanse, know that the climate, vegetation and fauna have barely changed in the past million years. Patterns of life, death and migration are truly as old as the hills themselves. The Serengeti encompasses a massive and pristine wilderness area and you'll spot lion, hippopotamus, zebra, elephant, jackal, giraffe and with luck the elusive cheetah and leopard. Home to over a million wildebeest, watch as they mindlessly trudge along some unseen route they've no doubt followed before.

Overnight: Mbuli Mawe Tented Camp or similar (B/L/D)

## Day 6

You depart camp after breakfast and proceed to the local airstrip for your flight across the plains to Kilimanjaro Airport. You connect to your onward flight to Nairobi, arriving back in the "City in the Sun" in the afternoon. Upon our arrival, your Kenya safari team assists you with your transfer to the Nairobi Serena Hotel. The afternoon is free for shopping or relaxing at the hotel by the refreshing pool!

Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel or similar (B)

## Day 7

Today you have use of private day rooms at the Nairobi Serena Hotel until your departure to the airport early this evening. You may choose to enjoy the lovely pool area or take advantage of the full service spa. Relax and enjoy this day at leisure. This evening, your safari team will assist with your transfer to the airport for your evening flight home.

**Asante rafike** - Thank you, friend! (B)

## Day 8

You arrive this morning in Europe and connect to your onward flight to your United States airport. Your memories of this amazing land will truly last a lifetime! We are pleased to have shared the finest of East Africa with you.

### **Inclusions**

- 6 nights accommodation at deluxe Serena lodges and camps
- Private day rooms at the Nairobi Serena prior to flight departure on the last day
- All meals while on safari with breakfast only in Nairobi
- Services of a private safari team
- Air from Nairobi Wilson to Tanzania Kilimanjaro Airport
- Air from Serengeti to Tanzania Kilimanjaro to Nairobi Wilson Airport
- All park entrance fees
- All transfers between airports and hotels